

**REMARKS**

This responds to the final office action. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-9 and 17-19 remain pending, with claims 4, 7, 9 and 17 being the independent claims.

**Allowed Claims**

Claims 7 and 9 are allowed. Applicant has proposed an amendment to claim 7 to correct a typographical error.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 4 and 17 have been indicated to define allowable subject matter. By this amendment, these claims have been rewritten in independent form to secure their allowance. Also, these claims have been amended to overcome the § 101 and § 112 issues raised by the Examiner.

**Dependent Claims**

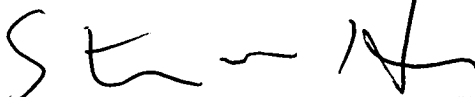
All other claims are dependent claims and are submitted to be in condition for allowance with their respective base claims.

**Conclusion**

The applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment, the Examiner's reconsideration of the application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

The undersigned has attempted to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and is available by telephone at the Examiner's convenience if needed to move this application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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